

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR
AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOONEVILLE
FEBRUARY 18, 2014**

BE IT REMEMBERED that the regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the City of Booneville, Mississippi was held on Tuesday, February 18, 2014, at the City Hall at 7:00 p.m., the time and place for said meeting.

Those in attendance were the following members of the Board: Alderman David Bolen, Alderman Harold Eaton, Alderman Mark McCoy, Alderman Jason Michael, and Alderman Jeff Williams. Also, present were Daniel K. Tucker, City Attorney, Lavaile Shields, City Clerk, and several City employees and visitors. The meeting was called to order in open session by Mayor Blythe and a quorum was declared present.

The invocation was given by Alderman David Bolen.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Alderman Mark McCoy.

There first came on for consideration, the request to approve the consent agenda. The items on the consent agenda were as follows:

- (1) To approve the minutes of the February 4, 2014 Board meeting;
- (2) To approve Jana Lindsey and Lavaile Shields to attend the Mississippi Municipal Clerks and Collectors Association Conference from March 19-March 21, 2014, in Biloxi, Mississippi, with the approximate costs including meals, mileage, registration, and lodging to be \$1,120.88.

Alderman Williams made a motion to approve the items on the consent agenda, seconded by Alderman Michael, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on Trudy Featherston with the Booneville Main Street, giving an update the Main Street activity. Trudy advised that the work on the Hometown Heritage Festival was a progress, with a great response concerning the festival, a potential 5k run, a new event, a barbeque contest.

There next came on before the Board, Gary Walker talking about the free landlord license and registration practice. Alderman McCoy made a motion to hold a public hearing on the landlord license before passage, since it was a new ordinance that carried a penal section if someone failed to comply with said ordinance. The public hearing would be held at the next regular meeting on March 4, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. Alderman Michael seconded said motion, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request for a \$1.00 increase to the garbage bills for rubbish collection, which should cover the City's dumping expense. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Michael and the following vote was had:

Alderman Bolen "Aye,"

Alderman Eaton "Aye,"

Alderman McCoy "Aye,"

Alderman Michael "Aye,"

Alderman Williams "Nay."

With a vote of four (4) for and one against, the motion carried.

There next came on for consideration, the opening of bids on the roof repair at the Gas & Water building. City Attorney Daniel K. Tucker advised that we needed to advise the bidders of a start date, conclusion date, and a per day penalty for failure to finish the job timely. Alderman Michael made a motion to table this matter, until said schedule could be developed, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to refund Michael Halford for the sum of \$258.92, for an error in his water billing. Alderman Michael made said motion, seconded by Alderman Eaton, and with all members of the Board present and

voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to ratify the gas rate of \$11.30 per MCF. Alderman Bolen made said motion, seconded by Alderman Eaton, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to hire Kayla Thrasher, as a part-time employee at the Gas & Water Department at \$8.00 per hour, effective immediately. Alderman Michael made said motion, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and the following vote was had:

Alderman Bolen "Aye,"

Alderman Eaton "Aye,"

Alderman McCoy "Aye,"

Alderman Michael "Aye,"

Alderman Williams "Nay."

With a vote of four (4) for and one against, the motion carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request by Fire Chief Jerry Wallace, to conduct hydrostatic test on the self containing breathing apparatus cylinders. The costs would be approximately \$26.00 each, with 45 cylinders needing to be tested, for a total costs of \$1,170.00. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Eaton, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to hire seasonal concession workers at the park. The following people were recommended at the following rates of pay, to be effective immediately. William Rowen at \$8.00 per hour; Lacey Hill at \$8.00 per hour; Lucy Hill at \$8.00 per hour; Tracey Hill at \$8.00 per hour; and Katie Bates at \$7.75 per hour. Alderman Williams made a motion to approve the hires, seconded by Alderman Michael, and with all members of the Board present and voting

“Aye”, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request by Police Chief Michael Ramey, to table the hiring of a full-time certified patrol officer for a part-time position. Alderman Williams made a motion to table said matter, seconded Alderman Bolen, and with all members of the Board present and voting “Aye”, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to hire Justin Moreland, as a certified dispatcher at the rate of \$10.71 per hour, effective immediately. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Eaton, and with all members of the Board present and voting “Aye”, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to approve sending Greg Mitchell and Josh Davis to the Certified Investigator Courses to be hosted by the NEMSLETC in Tupelo with the costs to be approximately \$850.00 per attendee. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Eaton, and with all members of the Board present and voting “Aye”, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to increase part-time certified police officers to \$9.00 per hour. Alderman Eaton made said motion, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and the following vote was had:

Alderman Bolen “Nay,”

Alderman Eaton “Aye,”

Alderman McCoy “Aye,”

Alderman Michael “Nay,”

Alderman Williams “Nay.”

With a vote of three (3) against and two (2) for, the motion failed.

The Alderman stated that they were not against the raise, but there needed to be systematic method in place for getting raises.

There next came on for consideration, the request to approve the loan closing with North Mississippi Planning and Development District for the rescue tool loan, with the Mayor being allowed to sign any and all document necessary to close said loan. Alderman Bolen made said motion, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to strike renaming Wolverine Drive to Standard Drive as an issue at this time. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Bolen, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, Ashley Hurt, Booneville Municipal City Court Clerk, requesting that the Board of Alderman look into acquiring the Omnicourt System, as our new computer and data system for the Municipal Court. Alderman McCoy made a motion to table this matter, until more research could be done and represented to the Board, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to seek two (2) appraisals on the Brewer Street property. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded Alderman Michael, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next came on the Mayor's Report. Mayor Blythe requested a motion to fund the reserve account previously set up by the Board in the amount of \$12,000.00 per year, or \$1,000.00 per month from gas funds. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Bolen, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Leon Hayes reported to the Board, several business updates. First, Metal Standard, Inc. had meet with Leon and the Mayor and discussed their process for

opening the business. That it was a slow systematic process, and they wanted to do nothing that would effect their other contracts in other geographical areas. Again, they would be opening, but it would be a slow process. Second, that the MCDA had obtained a Site Prep Grant from TVA in the amount of \$250,000.00. That Prentiss County was one of fourteen (14) to receive said grant. TVA would give a \$175,000.00 grant, with \$37,500.00 being paid by the Prentiss County Board of Supervisors, and \$37,500.00 being paid by the Prentiss County Development Association. Third, Leon reported that the PCDA had also received a Site Prep Grant from the Mississippi Development Authority in the amount of \$38,000.00. The PCDA had acquired an option on a twenty-five (25) acre tract and that this would help prepare that site. There would be \$19,000.00 that would come from the Mississippi Development Authority and \$19,000.00 would come from the PCDA.

Next, Mayor Blythe reported that there would be bid openings on the sewer project, phrase one on March 4, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.

Mayor Blythe next reported that there would be a request made in the future, for new computers, and/or computer upgrades, due to some changing in the software programs.

Mayor Blythe next reported that he is requesting that from this date forward that all departments continue to handle legal postings but that they be approved by City Hall, prior to turning same over to the newspaper.

Last on the Mayor's Report, Mayor Blythe reported that he was dissatisfied with the cleaning service, the CID had not been vacuumed in over a month, and the windows at City Hall had not been cleaned, both of these were suppose to be done pursuant to the cleaning contract.

There next came on for consideration, the request to go into closed session to

determine if an executive session was needed. Alderman Eaton made said motion, seconded by Alderman Michael, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

While in closed session, it was determined that an executive session was needed. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Eaton, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Alderman Williams made a motion to go back into open session, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Back in open session, it was announced that Police Chief Michael Ramey had an recommendation, as far as a full time hire. Chief Ramey recommended that Clay Koon be hired full time. Alderman Eaton made said motion, the motion failed for lack of second.

Next, Chief Ramey recommended that Timothy Boggs be hired, as full time at the rate of \$13.99 per hour, effective immediately. Alderman Michael made said motion, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to go into closed session to determine if an executive session was needed. Alderman Bolen made a motion to go into closed session, seconded by Alderman Eaton, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

While in closed session, it was determined that an executive session was needed. Alderman Michael made said motion, seconded by Alderman Eaton, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Alderman Bolen made a motion to go back into open session, seconded by

Alderman Williams, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Back in open session, it was announced that potential litigation was discussed, with no action taken.

There next came on for consideration, the request to go into closed session to determine if an executive session was needed. Alderman Eaton made a motion to go into closed session, seconded by Alderman Bolen, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

While in closed session, it was determined that an executive session was needed. Alderman Eaton made said motion, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Alderman Williams made a motion to go back into open session, seconded by Alderman Eaton, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Back in open session, it was announced that a potential land purchase was discussed, with no action taken.

There being no further business, Alderman Eaton made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.


DERRICK R. BLYTHE, MAYOR

ATTEST:


LAVAILE SHIELDS, CITY CLERK